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Title: INSTALLATION FOR SEQUENTIALLY TRANSPORTING OBJECTS IN A  
GOODS HANDLING LINE IN PARTICULAR FOR THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

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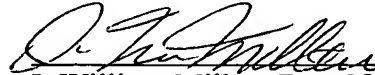
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